

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**MOHAMMED CHHIPA,  
Defendant.**

**Case No. 1:23-cr-97**

**ORDER ISSUED *EX PARTE* AND UNDER SEAL**


This matter is before the Court on Defendant Mohammed Chhipa's sealed and *ex parte* letter renewing his request for substitution of counsel. (Dkt. 58 at 2). On review, it appears a hearing is required to resolve whether substitution of counsel is necessary. The other issues raised by Defendant's letters (*see* Dkt. 56) will be reserved pending renewal by appointed counsel.

Accordingly,

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Defendant's request for new counsel (Dkt. 58 at 2) will be heard by the Court at **5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 2023**. The hearing will be conducted ***EX PARTE* AND UNDER SEAL**.

The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to Defendant's counsel.

Alexandria, Virginia  
October 30, 2023

  
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**T. S. Ellis, III**  
**United States District Judge**